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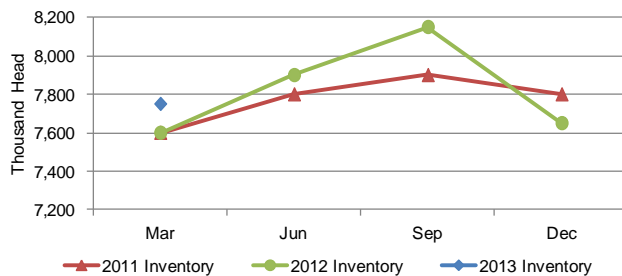
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On March 1, 2013 there were 7.75 million hogs and pigs on Minnesota farms according to the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Hogs and Pigs report. The March 1 inventory was up slightly from December 2012 and up 2 percent from a year ago.

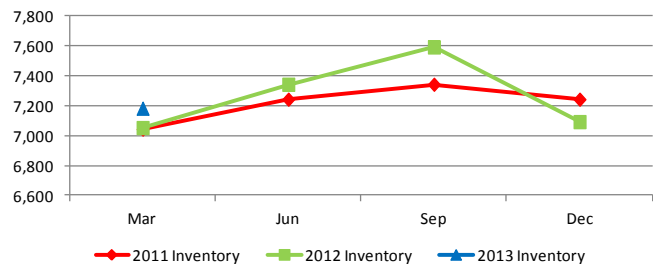
The December 2012-February 2013 pig crop was 3.06 million head. A total of 290,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 10.55 pigs per sow.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 305,000 head of sows and gilts in the March-May 2013 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the June-August 2013 period were estimated at 300,000 as of March 1, 2013.

**Quarterly Total Hog Inventory,
Minnesota, 2011 - 2013**



**Quarterly Market Hog Inventory,
Minnesota, 2011 - 2013**



Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, March 1, 2012-2013 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2012	2013	'13 as % of '12	2012	2013	'13 as % of '12	2012	2013	'13 as % of '12
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Illinois	510	490	96	4,140	4,160	100	4,650	4,650	100
Iowa	1,010	1,020	101	18,690	19,280	103	19,700	20,300	103
Minnesota	550	570	104	7,050	7,180	102	7,600	7,750	102
Missouri	360	340	94	2,290	2,410	105	2,650	2,750	104
Nebraska	390	390	100	2,710	2,610	96	3,100	3,000	97
North Carolina	860	870	101	7,740	8,030	104	8,600	8,900	103
United States	5,820	5,834	100	59,117	60,077	102	64,937	65,911	101

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, March 1, 2012-2013 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Illinois	1,380	1,340	1,260	1,240	800	790	700	790
Iowa	4,930	5,150	5,820	5,940	4,640	4,800	3,300	3,390
Minnesota	2,360	2,450	2,180	2,130	1,570	1,600	940	1,000
Missouri	1,000	1,070	530	535	370	395	390	410
Nebraska	880	870	790	740	605	580	435	420
North Carolina	3,030	3,070	1,810	1,950	1,560	1,650	1,340	1,360
United States	19,235	19,426	16,409	16,650	12,780	13,059	10,693	10,942

United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2013 was 65.9 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2012, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2012.

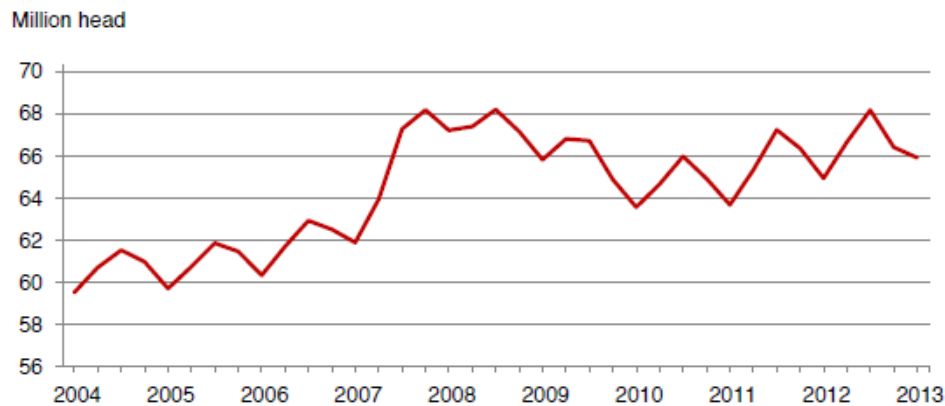
Breeding inventory, at 5.83 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2012-February 2013 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2012. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from 2012. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.08 for the December-February period, compared to 9.97 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.96 million sows farrow during the March-May 2013 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2012, but up 1 percent from 2011. Intended farrowings for June-August 2013, at 2.91 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2012, and down 1 percent from 2011.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory –
United States: March 1**



The complete report can be found under **Publications** on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov.